

LETTER TO THE EXAMINER AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION	Application #	09/982,992
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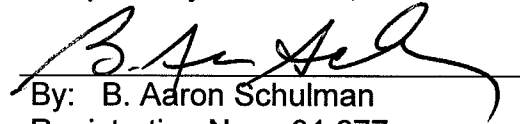
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Previously, in this application, following a telephone discussion between Applicants' counsel and the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that the submission by Applicants of a Statement of Corroboration under MPEP 2406.2 would place this application in condition for allowance. Applicants complied with this request by filing the Statement of Corroboration on September 24, 2007. However, shortly before the final due date for any response in this application, the Examiner indicated that she now had objections to the language of Claim 30 relating to the monoclonal antibody binding to an epitope recognized by the specific antibody H07, despite the fact that this language was included with an amendment filed on **October 21, 2005** and had never previously been subject to such a rejection.

In light of the fact that the Applicants and the Examiner were not able to reach an agreement in the short time remaining to file the present response, Applicants have arranged an interview with the Examiner's Supervisor for the week following the present submission, at which point it is expected that all objections with regard to the claim language will be resolved, and this application in its present form will receive a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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